Organizing for Results

The following is a summary of the priorities and concerns voiced by stakeholders.

- There is a need to develop plans for moving forward into the areas of research, development, and application of green; and education (K-12 and Higher Education) areas. There are very different sets of stakeholders and issues in each of these areas:
 - a. Research, development and application of Green Chemistry; and
 - b. Education (K-12, community college, and university).
- 2. There is a need to ensure certain important stakeholders have a presence at the table such as downstream users of chemicals and procurement offices. Chemical using companies want the functionality of chemical products, but not their toxicity. These companies can provide a powerful market force for safer chemicals and products. Michigan has a strong base of forward looking manufacturers that could play this role.
- There is some very simple short term activities that could be initiated right away, most notably the establishment of a Green Chemistry Support Program Web site.
- 4. The DEQ should set clear and achievable program objectives, priorities, and metrics.
- 5. Given the need for greater clarity with program goals and scope, and a need to ensure greater focus in the program; it would make sense to establish the Green Chemistry Support Roundtable as soon as possible, representing a range of committed stakeholders. The Roundtable can then divide into sub-groups for more detailed conversations on key issues regarding research and development, and education. Members can also assist with the scope of a statewide Green Chemistry conference, a priority identified at the meeting.